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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 9482

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN PINS

SUBJECT: HIJACKED VC-10: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

REF TUNIS 7211

1. REFTTEL REPORTED GOT VIEW THAT ABU NIDAL GROUP BEHIND HIJACKING. CAIRO PRESS NOV 23 ASSUMES GROUP IS LOYAL TO MEMORY OF ABU MAHMUD (ABD AL-GHAFFUR) AND THAT OPERATION WAS PLANNED AND FINANCED BY AN UNSPECIFIED ARAB COUNTRY. PAPERS REMIND READERS THAT ABU MAHMUD, AFTER HIS BREAK WITH FATAH, WENT TO "AN ARAB COUNTRY" WHERE HE SET UP SHOP.

2. COMMENT: ABU MAHMUD'S CONNECTION WITH LIBYA IS WELL KNOWN. CLEAR IMPLICATION IN CAIRO PRESS IS, THEREFORE, THAT BOAC HIJACKING IS QADDHAFI OPERATION.

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